

Week 19: From Ideas To Idols

Every person builds their life around something, and what begins as ideas about meaning, identity, and purpose often becomes the object of our worship. Acts 17 reveals how easily those ideas turn into idols, as people look to created things to carry the weight only God can bear. Paul models a better way by engaging people with truth and grace, then redirecting their worship to the one true God—Creator, Sustainer, and Savior—revealed in Jesus. The invitation is to turn from what cannot save and give wholehearted worship to the only One who can.

Discussion Questions:

1. **Read Acts 17:16-34.** What "idols" you see in our culture today and why do you think people are drawn to them? What's something good in your life that could become an idol if you're not careful? How would you know if that's happening?

2. Paul reasoned with people in both religious and everyday spaces. Which of these four responses do you lean toward when engaging the culture—withdraw, attack, blend in, or reason—and why?

3. Paul starts by understanding people's beliefs and then builds a bridge to truth. What stands out to you about his approach and how he builds a case for God? How could you apply that in a real conversation this week?

4. What we worship ultimately shapes what we believe and how we see the world. Can you think of examples where someone's beliefs or perspectives clearly reflect what they're worshiping? How have you seen that play out in your own life?

5. Paul didn't just expose idols—he redirected worship to the living God. What's one practical step you can take this week to shift your focus and worship more intentionally toward Jesus?